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SUBJECT: MAY 4 NAC MEETING: ACTION ON REPORT ON INTER-
OPERABILITY OF EQUIPMENT, ON COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS
DEVELOPMENT, AND ON REPORT BY THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL
ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS
AT THE MAY 4 MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, PERM-
REPS:

A. APPROVED THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIP-
MENT INTEROPERABILITY (C-M(77)26), FORWARDED IT TO FOREIGN
MINISTERS FOR ACTION AND TO DEFENSE MINISTERS FOR THEIR
CONSIDERATION AND ENDORSEMENT;

B. NOTED THE MEMORANDUM BY THE SYG ON COOPERATION IN
ARMAMENTS DEVELOPMENT, PO/77/70, A LATE ADDITION TO THE
AGENDA, ENDORSING THE PROPOSAL THAT, SUBSEQUENT TO THE
MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, NAC, ASSISTED BY CNAD AND NADREPS,
PROCEED WITH FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS ON THE TOPIC OF HAR-
MONIZATION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NATIONAL EQUIPMENT
PROGRAMS. (COMMENT: CHAIRMAN (DSYG PANS) SPECIFICALLY
EXCLUDED FROM DISCUSSION THE SUGGESTION IN PARA 5 OF THE
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PO THAT THE SUBJECT OF HARMONIZATION SHOULD NOT APPEAR ON
THE AGENDA OF EITHER MINISTERIAL MEETING. HE CALLED FOR
APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL PERTAINING TO FOLLOW-UP ACTION
SUBSEQUENT TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS AND ALSO ASKED FOR
COUNCIL CONCURRENCE TO RAISE THE HARMONIZATION TOPIC IN
THE NAC MINISTERIAL UNDER AGENDA ITEM IV, NOTING THAT IT
WOULD APPEAR ON THE DPC AGENDA UNDER ITEM IVA. END

COMMENT); AND

C. AGREED TO FORWARD THE CNAD REPORT (C-M(77)38) TO FOREIGN MINISTERS AND DEFENSE MINISTERS FOR ACTION. (COMMENT: WE CIRCULATED US PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REPORT (STATE 100236); HOWEVER, AT THE SUGGESTION OF KILLICK (UK) THAT TIME WAS TOO SHORT TO AGREE ON THE CHANGES AND RE-CIRCULATE THE REPORT, NAC AGREED THAT THE US PROPOSED CHANGES COULD BE INCLUDED AS AN ADDED PAGE TO THE DOCUMENT. SINCE PURSUING SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD ONLY HAVE CREATED A DEMAND FOR THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE CHANGES -- ESPECIALLY THAT TO PARA 6 AND ITS IMPLIED REFERENCE TO THE TIMING OF NIKE HERCULES REPLACEMENT -- AND SINCE NO OTHER DELEGATION PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REPORT, WE DID NOT INSIST ON INCLUSION OF THE US CHANGES. END COMMENT.) BENNETT

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